

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/29/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-32.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 4/27/06.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>4/27/06</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christine Chang on April 27, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 32 has been amended as follows:

32. A machine readable medium having stored thereon sequences of instructions, which, when executed by a digital processing system cause said digital processing system to perform a method, said method comprising:

producing an AAL2 virtual channel identification label and an AAL2 egress connection identification label in response to an ingress AAL2 packet CID and VCI/VPI so that at least said ingress AAL2 packet payload and said AAL2 egress connection identification label can be forwarded over a local AAL2 virtual channel established within an ATM switch core, said AAL2 virtual channel identified by said AAL2 virtual channel identification label;

replacing an ingress AAL2 packet with an egress CID and an egress

VPI/VCI;

producing an egress AAL2 packet based on the replacement in response to an AAL2 egress connection identification label, at an egress switch engine, said AAL2 egress connection identification label associated forwarded over an ATM switch core with at least a portion of an AAL2 packet payload, said egress AAL2 packet carrying said ingress AAL2 packet payload.

Claim 33 has been cancelled.

Figure 1a and Figure 1b are labeled as prior art.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, prior art of record does not disclose, in single or in combination, egress AAL2 switch engine replaces parts of the ingress AAL2 packet with the egress CID and egress VPI/VCI in combination with other limitations of the claim.

Regarding claims 12, 23, prior art of record does not disclose, in single or in combination, replacing the ingress AAL2 packet CID and VPI/VCI by an egress AAL2 switch engine and producing an egress AAL2 packet including an egress CID and an egress VPI/VCI in combination with other limitations of the claims.

Regarding claim 32, prior art of record does not disclose, in single or in combination, replacing an ingress AAL2 packet with an egress CID and an egress VPI/VCI, producing an egress AAL2 packet based on the replacement at an egress switch engine in combination with other limitations of the claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melanie Jagannathan whose telephone number is 571-272-3163. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham can be reached on 571-272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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